

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 757

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe Albrecht of
Cookeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Albrecht; and

WHEREAS, Joe Albrecht was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the former publisher of the *Herald-Citizen* newspaper, Mr. Albrecht was a longtime community leader and iconic figure in the Cookeville, Putnam County, and Upper Cumberland area; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kansas, Joe Albrecht attended Kansas State University and began his newspaper career as a teenager in the mailroom of the *Manhattan Mercury*; and

WHEREAS, while attending college at night, Mr. Albrecht worked as a pressman and then became assistant circulation manager, manager of the commercial printing department, circulation manager, and finally advertising manager at the *Headlight-Sun* in Pittsburgh, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Joe Albrecht relocated to Tennessee when he was named assistant to the publisher of the *Cleveland Banner* and joined Walls Newspapers in 1976, when he became the publisher of the *Herald-Citizen*, a position he held until 1989, at which time he left to start Albrecht Newspapers; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as publisher of the *Herald-Citizen*, Joe Albrecht oversaw the addition of a Sunday issue, increased the newspaper's circulation, and served as president of the prestigious Tennessee Press Association; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his peers, Mr. Albrecht served as a trustee for the Tennessee Press Association Foundation for thirty years, playing an instrumental role in revising the organization's bylaws to form its endowment; and

WHEREAS, taking his much-deserved retirement in 2006, Joe Albrecht enjoyed a distinguished career in the newspaper industry that spanned more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Mr. Albrecht served as chairman of the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce board of directors, was vice chair of the Public Building Authority, and held numerous leadership roles for a variety of other local civic and charitable organizations, including the Putnam County Library Board and the Putnam County Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Joe Albrecht leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joe Albrecht, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Albrecht.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.